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NEW YORK TIMES COLUMNIST FLORA LEWIS TO LECTURE AT UM

MISSOULA--

Flora Lewis, longtime foreign correspondent and columnist for the New York Times, will share her perspective on how the United States fits into the rapidly changing global scene Thursday, Sept. 22, at The University of Montana.

Lewis's free public lecture, "America's Role in a Changing World," will begin at 8 p.m. in the Montana Theatre. It will be the first program in the 1994-95 President's Lecture Series on UM's Missoula campus.

"Flora Lewis is a brilliant journalist and one of the most honored journalists in the world," said Richard Drake, UM history professor and coordinator of the lecture series.

Lewis began her career as a reporter for the Los Angeles Times in 1941. She spent much of her career in Europe, including an eight-year stint as bureau chief for the Washington Post in Bonn, London and New York City during the 1960s. She later became the Paris bureau chief for the New York Times, a post she held until 1980.

Still based in Paris, throughout the 1980s Lewis authored "Foreign Affairs," a New York Times column.

Throughout her career, Lewis has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Georgetown University School of Foreign Affairs award for distinguished diplomatic reporting, the Fiftieth Anniversary Honor Award from Columbia School of Journalism and the Fourth Estate

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Award from the National Press Club.

Lewis has also received honorary doctorates from Princeton University, Mount Holyoke College, Bucknell University, Columbia University and Dartmouth College.

She is the author of five books: "A Case History of Hope: The Story of Poland's Peaceful Revolutions," a book written after Lewis lived in Poland during the late 1940s and 1950s; "Red Pawn," a tale of the alleged Communist sympathizer Noel Field, who disappeared in Czechoslovakia in 1949; "One of Our H-Bombs is Missing," the account of the United States' search and recovery of a hydrogen bomb lost at sea when a B-52 jet crashed over Spain in 1966; "Europe: A Tapestry of Nations," a collection of profiles on European countries which she published in 1987; and "Europe: Road to Unity," an updated version of the former book, which she published in 1992.

Seven other lectures are scheduled for the President's Lecture Series. They are Vicki Hansen, geology professor at Southern Methodist University, who will present "Venus Our Sister Planet: How Does It Work?" Oct. 13; Jean-Francois Lyotard, professor from Emory University's Department of French and Italian, who will present "Political and Libidinal Economy on the Edge of the Second Millennium" Nov. 9; Eric Foner, DeWitt Clinton Professor of History at Columbia University, who will present "Reconstruction and the American Constitution" Dec. 1; Samuel DuBois Cook, president of Dillard University, who will present "America's Continuing Racial Dilemma: Hope and Despair" Jan. 18; Clifford Cranna, the musical administrator of the San Francisco Opera, who will present "A Song of Love and Life: The Glories of Italian Opera" Feb. 8; Annette Kolodny, University of Arizona's professor in the Program in Comparative Cultural and

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Literary Studies, presenting "There is No Feminist Criticism Without Conflicts...and It's a Good Thing, Too." March 22; and Jaroslav Pelikan, the President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and Yale University history professor, who will present "The Idea of the University in Action" April 20.

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